

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 12, 2003

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on May 12, 2003 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

In absence of a quorum, President Jernigan called a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 10:15 a.m., followed by introductions. The following Commissioners were present for the roll call:

President Jernigan
Vice President Maria Jimenez
Commissioner Creary
Commissioner Duba
Commissioner Morgan
Commissioner Mummey
Commissioner Rodriguez

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jernigan reported the following:

- She commented on Commissioner Mummey's granddaughter's funeral service, which was held Friday, May 9, 2003 in Santa Monica.
- She thanked Steve Erickson for a job well done while staffing the Commission for Women.

(Commissioner Perkins joined the meeting constituting a quorum.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and unanimously carried, with Commissioner Perkins abstaining, the minutes of April 14, 2003 and April 28, 2003 were approved.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

At the June 9, 2003 Commission for Women meeting, Lisa Kahn, Deputy District Attorney, will give a presentation on the forthcoming Sheriff/LAPD crime lab as it relates to DNA testing and unsolved rape cases in Los Angeles County. The crime lab is scheduled to be built on the campus of California State University, Los Angeles.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Vice President Mariajimenez reported expenditures for the months of March and April. On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and unanimously carried, the Commission received and filed the Treasurer's Report.

PRESENTATION ON FEDERAL LEGISLATION IMPACTING WOMEN BY THE HONORABLE CONGRESSWOMAN HILDA SOLIS

Congresswoman Solis spoke on the following:

- She encouraged the Commissioners to support women who want to enter politics, as women's representation in all levels of government is dismally low.
- Her congressional district encompasses three supervisorial districts.
- 33% of children under 5 years old in her district do not have health insurance.
- One of her primary goals is to raise the level of awareness of the plight of women, especially low-income, women of color.
- There is a proposal from the Bush administration to block grant for newly instituted preventative health programs that are primarily accessed by low-income women and children.
- This proposal would give flexibility to governors to decide whether or not to continue preventative health programs in light of budget crises.
- She stated that it is imperative to maintain preventative health programs because it saves federal, state and local dollars in the long run.
- It is important to educate other policy makers of the special economic and societal challenges of low-income, women of color.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE/REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE 2003-04 OFFICERS

Commissioner Morgan reported on the recommended slate of officers for 2003-04. On motion of Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers was accepted as follows:

Ruth Jernigan, President
Yvonne Mariajimenez, Vice President
Charlotte Lesser, Treasurer

APPROVAL TO SEND ONE COMMISSIONER TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN (ACCW) QUARTERLY MEETING MAY 16, 2003 IN SAN RAFAEL AT A COST DEEMED AS NECESSARY

On motion of Commissioner Carpenter-McMillan, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the expenditure as needed to send one commissioner to the ACCW Quarterly Meeting in San Rafael on May 16, 2003.

APPROVAL TO SEND THE COMMISSION DELAGATE TO THE 34TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN (NACW) CONVENTION IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE FROM JULY 16-20 AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1650

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the expenditure to send the Commission delegate to the 34th Annual National Association of Commissions for Women Convention in Wilmington, Delaware from July 16-20 at a cost not to exceed \$1650. President Jernigan will attend.

APPROVAL TO ENDORSE THE "WOMEN IN PAIN PETITION" TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS OF REFLEX SYMPATHETIC DYSTROPHY

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved endorsement of the "Women in Pain" petition at www.forgrace.com to help raise awareness of Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy.

APPROVAL OF \$200 TO SUPPORT THE 13TH ANNUAL GET APPOINTED WORKSHOP HOSTED BY THE WOMEN'S APPOINTMENT COLLOBORATION ON MAY 31, 2003

On motion of Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the expenditure to contribute \$200 to support the 13th Annual Get Appointed Workshop hosted by the Women's Appointment Collaboration on May 31, 2003.

RECOMMENDATION TO SUPORT LEGISLATION ON WOMEN IN ACTION LOBBY DAY IN SACRAMENTO ON MAY 15, 2003

Vice President Mariajimenez recommended the Commission delegation to support Senate Bill 108, "Five for Life," and Senate Bill 921, "The Health Care for All Californians Act," at Women in Action Lobby Day on May 15 in Sacramento.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Committee

Commissioner Creary reported the following:

She passed out the L.A. Times article regarding U.S. District Judge Florence-Marie Cooper's temporary injunction to stop the county from immediately closing the county-run rehabilitation center, Rancho Los Amigos. She also reported that she participated in the 10th Annual Revlon Run/Walk for Women on March 10.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported the following:

She reported that the Domestic Violence Subcommittee has come up with 11 issues of concern for victims of domestic violence, including the issue of DNA evidence in rape cases. She will update the Commission on these issues at a future meeting.

Media/Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Morgan reported that she was asked to serve as Honorary California Chair of the Business Advisory Council. She further reported that she will compose the three 5K Run/Walk press releases. She will also complete the press release for the July 26th Older Women's Conference in Cerritos.

5K Run/Walk Subcommittee

Commissioner Duba reported that Northrop Grumman donated \$25,000 to the 5K Run/Walk at the company's 2003 Community Service 'Spirit of America' Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on April 21.

The Commission also received an anonymous donation of \$1,000; the California Wellness Foundation donated \$1,000; the Silver Factory, a bronze sponsor, donated 400 admission tickets; the Comedy House of Pasadena donated four admission tickets; Clif Health Bar Company donated 800 Luna Health Bars; Promax Health Bar Company donated 1,000 sample size health bars; In & Out Burger donated 20 meal gift certificates; Total Massage will participate; and L.A. City Councilman Alex Padilla secured the stage. Korean Air is the Diamond Sponsor.

The Mayor of Pasadena, Bill Bogaard, Olympian Evelyn Ashford, and athlete Ruth Wysoki confirmed their attendance.

The next 5K Run/Walk Subcommittee meeting is June 23 at the Hall of Administration.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Ruth Jernigan, President
Yvonne Maria Jimenez, Vice President
Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Susan Carpenter McMillan
Ruth Creary, Ph.D.
Reiko Duba
Lila Morgan
Janet Mummey, Esq.
Barbara Perkins
Olivia Rodriguez

EXCUSED

Roslyn Cooperman
Charlotte Lesser

UNEXCUSED

Sophia Esparza
Brenda C. Smith, M.D.

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Khanh Nguyen, Executive Office
Jim Corbett, Executive Office
Twila Kerr, Executive Office
Cheryl Diaz, Executive Office
Audra Galang, Executive Office

GUESTS

U.S. Congresswoman Hilda Solis, 32nd District
Adele Andrade-Stadler, Office of Congresswoman Hilda Solis
Naela Quadri, Pakistani Delegation
Tehseena Rafi, Pakistani Delegation
Shabnam Shoaib, Pakistani Delegation
Pat Wilson, American Association of University Women
Genevieve Clavreul, Solutions Outside the Box